
MINUTES
CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
102 Starksville Avenue (Kinchafoonee Room)
Leesburg, Georgia 31763
December 1, 2011

PRESENT: Dr. Charles Gillespie, Chairman
Commissioner Gloria Gaines
Dinorah Hall

ABSENT: Dr. Peter Ngwafu
Billy Merritt
Thomas Fratino
Cynthia George

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Newton, Transportation Planner
Mary Teter, Interim Planning & Development Services Director
Ginette Mills, Administrative Secretary, Sr.

OTHERS
PRESENT: Bob Alexander, Lee County Director of Planning & Engineering
Yvette Aehle, S.W. Georgia Regional Airport Director
Bob Langstaff, Albany City Commissioner, Ward 5

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gillespie called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (June 16, 2011)

The June 16, 2011 minutes were unofficially approved because there were not enough members present to constitute a quorum.

UPDATES

Ms. Newton provided an update on newly appointed members. She announced that Dinorah Hall is the newest City appointee, and Cynthia George is the newest County appointee.

Chairman Gillespie requested that the Transportation Department reassess the value of the Citizens Transportation Committee. He noted that attendance on the committee has been subpar, which has resulted in the committee losing its voice and vote on other committees.

Chairman Gillespie introduced and welcomed Dinorah Hall to the Citizens Transportation Committee.

EAST DOUBLEGATE ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Chairman Gillespie expressed concern about speeding on East Doublegate Road. He stated that there is a very serious problem with drivers speeding in that area, and something needs to be done about it before someone is killed. He further commented that there are eight to ten houses for sale on the street, and the owners assured him that they were moving because of the speeding traffic.

Doug Wilson and Joe Burger, residents in the area, were present to speak in reference to the issue. Both voiced their concerns to the committee, and requested that something be done to get the traffic under control in that area. The committee discussed various ways to address the problem (i.e. changing the road classification, adding speed bumps or speed humps, installing radars, conducting speed studies). After brainstorming several possible solutions with committee members and residents in the area, Commissioner Langstaff stated that he would discuss the issue with the Technical Committee to determine a course of action.

DISCUSSION

Ms. Ahle provided an update on the latest improvements at the Southwest Georgia Regional Airport.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 a.m.